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Drinking Water Sparks Renewed Concern in Dimock - On November 30, Cabot Chemical Oil and Gas Company stopped providing alternative water to Dimock, Pa. residents. The company had been providing water to residents who claimed that their wells had been adversely impacted by the company's gas drilling activities in the area, under a PADEP order requiring the company to do so until November 30.

At the request of residents, EPA visited Dimock area homes on November 10 and reviewed well sampling data for wells impacted by the Cabot's drilling activities. EPA made a preliminary review of the data provided by PADEP and the residents and, while it did not indicate an immediate health threat to well water users, EPA assured the residents that we will continue to review the latest information. EPA has since received an additional 300 pages of well sampling data from the residents that we are reviewing. EPA has also requested that CDC conduct a health consult to evaluate potential human health risks. The issue has received extensive media coverage over the last two weeks. (David Sternberg, 814-5548)

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